

# Meridian Public Schools

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Meridian Early College High School Learning Lab – Room 403

May 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Michael Bowen, Ryan Holzinger, Dennis Cole, Rebecca Hitsman, Janice Goodall, and Stephen Grubaugh  
Absent: Deborah Passmore  
Staff: Craig Carmoney, Sarah Glann, Dana Weisenberger, Patrick Malley, Kent Boxey, Joshua Hook, and J Cole

## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Michael Bowen.

## **Public Communication**

Melissa O’Connell, parent and Band Booster member, thanked the Board of Education, on behalf of many parents and supporters, for moving forward with the May Special Election and giving supporters another chance to vote on the Bond proposal; everyone is so excited that it passed.

## **Consent Agenda**

Motion by Rebecca Hitsman, supported by Stephen Grubaugh, “I move adoption of the consent agenda as presented.”

Vote: 6 – yes, 0 – no. Motion Carried.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

### **Recognition of Summa Cum Laude for the Class of 2018**

Superintendent Carmoney stated that we will recognize and congratulate three students from the Class of 2018 who will graduate with a GPA of 3.9 or greater with the distinction of Summa Cum Laude. He then introduced Early College High School Principal Patrick Malley who presented plaques to Alyssa Bailey, Sydney Laplow, and Jacob Mayer. Principal Malley stated that it has been an honor to have these 3 students in the high school and that they have represented the district very well. On behalf of the entire Board of Education, Board President Michael Bowen congratulated the students and wished them the best of luck on their future endeavors.

### **Midland County Educational Services Agency 2018-2019 Budget Resolution**

Superintendent Carmoney stated that included in the Board packet is a copy of the MCESA 2018-2019 Budget, along with a Resolution to approve. He stated that he and Director of Business Services, Sarah Glann, have reviewed the budget and recommend approval. Superintendent Carmoney then introduced Mark Orihel, MCESA Director of Finance, who stated that he feels the budget is accurate and very conservative, and offered to go over any concerns or questions that the Board may have. The Board of Education didn’t have any concerns due to the fact that it had already been reviewed in detail by our administration.

Motion by Janice Goodall, supported by Rebecca Hitsman, "I move that the Board of Education approve the Midland County Educational Service Agency Resolution as presented for the 2018-2019 school year."

Vote: 6 – yes, 0 – no. Motion Carried.

#### 2018 School Building and Site Bonds Resolution

Superintendent Carmoney stated that included in the Board packet is a Resolution to authorize the sale of the 2018 School Building and Site Bonds. He stated that the B Series of the 2014 Bonds and the recently approved 2018 Bonds will be sold together in July through a negotiated sale, which will lower the issuance cost, as well as, the necessary fees. Superintendent Carmoney also stated that we will be working once again with Stifel, the number one underwriter in the state, and they are recommending that we sell the Bonds in mid-July so that the money is available in early August, in order to make our much-needed transportation and technology purchases.

Motion by Stephen Grubaugh, supported by Janice Goodall, "I move that the Meridian Board of Education approve the 2018 School Building and Site Bonds Series B Resolution as presented."

Vote: 6 – yes, 0 – no. Motion Carried.

#### 2018 Bond Update

Superintendent Carmoney updated the Board of Education on the next steps related to the Bond, including priorities, the recount, possible timelines, and upcoming planning meetings. He stated that after the recount takes place on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, then the paperwork for the sale of the Bonds can be processed. Superintendent Carmoney stated that the administrators, along with the Facility Committee, will be meeting next week with IDI and Wolgast to review the district priorities and get input on the best combination of projects to be most efficient with the money. He stated that the top priorities are safety and security and therefore, the first projects started will encompass those two priorities and be most beneficial to the students.

#### Staffing Assignments for 2018-2019

Superintendent Carmoney stated that per contract language in the current Master Agreement with the Meridian Education Association, the Board of Education has the final decision regarding all teaching assignments for the 2018-2019 school year. Superintendent Carmoney stated that one of the only changes is at the Elementary school where there will soon be an administrative posting for an Assistant Elementary Principal, in order to help with discipline and other administrative duties with current Principal Josh Hook also serving as Psychologist for the district.

Motion by Ryan Holzinger, supported by Dennis Cole, "I move that the Meridian Board of Education approve the 2018-2019 teaching assignments as presented."

Vote: 6 – yes, 0 – no. Motion Carried.

#### First Reading – NEOLA Policy Updates

Superintendent Carmoney stated that the detailed new policy updates, as well as, an overview and policy comments from NEOLA, were emailed to the Board members so they could review them. He stated that he recommends that the First Reading of the updated policies be approved at this meeting with final changes and adoption to take place at the June meeting.

Motion by Rebecca Hitsman, supported by Stephen Grubaugh, "I move that the Meridian Board of Education approve the First Reading of the updated NEOLA policies as presented."

Vote: 6 – yes, 0 – no. Motion Carried.

#### Sanford Early Childhood Center Daycare Update

Director of Business Services, Sarah Glann, stated that the Daycare center will begin using a new child care billing policy in June which will allow for better planning of the correct staffing levels. She stated that parents were notified in March that starting in June, they will be required to give their child's schedule a week in advance to avoid a \$25 fee, in order to better schedule care givers. Sarah stated that the current system makes it difficult to schedule staff and retain quality caregivers. She also stated that the Daycare center will be using iPads with a new software system that allows parents to sign students in and out and will be more efficient during the billing process.

#### New Tech Network District Leadership Advisory Council

Superintendent Carmoney stated that included in the Board Packet is an invitation from the President of the New Tech Network, Lydia Dobbins, asking that he and Patrick Malley join the New Tech Network District Leadership Advisory Council. He stated that this council requires a commitment of attending 2 of the 3 meetings held per year and those meetings take place during the leadership professional development conferences that they already attend.

Motion by Ryan Holzinger, supported by Janice Goodall, "I move that the Meridian Board of Education approve Patrick Malley and Craig Carmoney to participate on the New Tech Network District Leadership Advisory Council and attend the required meetings."

Vote: 6 – yes, 0 – no. Motion Carried.

#### Closed Executive Session – Negotiation Strategy

Superintendent Carmoney stated that the Board of Education will enter into Closed Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategy as permitted under the Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Ryan Holzinger, supported by Rebecca Hitsman, "I move that the Meridian Board of Education enter into Closed Executive Session to discuss negotiation strategy at 7:36 p.m."

Roll Call Vote: 6 – yes, 0 – no. Motion Carried.

The Board of Education returned to Open Session at 8:39 p.m.

#### Announcements/Communications from Board Members or Superintendent

Superintendent Carmoney stated that there will be an honorary dinner on Thursday evening to congratulate the nine 5<sup>th</sup> year students who will graduate with over 60 credits; this number represents over 25% of the 5<sup>th</sup> year students and is quite impressive.

Motion by Ryan Holzinger, supported by Rebecca Hitsman, "I move to Adjourn at 8:40 p.m."

Vote: 6 – yes, 0 – no. Motion Carried.

Dennis J. Cole,  
Secretary, Meridian Board of Education